



PLACER COUNTY
IHSS Advisory Committee
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Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2006

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Deborah Dahl, Eula Marshall, Ruth Lindsley, Diane Lester, Mary DeGraaf, Margaret Maldaner, Michael Fletcher and Karen Boal.

Committee Members Absent: Mary (Katie) Snoberger

County Staff Present: Eldon Luce, Cate Lynds, Judy Griffin and Shirlee Herrington.

Public: None

Chairperson Margaret Maldaner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call And Introductions: Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences: **Action:** A ***Motion*** was made by Michael Fletcher and seconded by Ruth Lindsley to excuse Mary DeGraaf's absence from the March 16, 2006 meeting. The ***Motion*** carried.

Action: A ***Motion*** was made by Mary DeGraaf and seconded by Michael Fletcher to excuse the absence of Mary (Katie) Snoberger from today's meeting. The ***Motion*** carried.

Unexcused Absences: None.

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions: Eldon distributed a flyer announcing upcoming provider training on "Transferring and Fall Prevention". This course is offered in Roseville on May 2nd and in Auburn on May 3rd. The Public Authority is providing refreshments and a door prize in hopes of

encouraging increased provider participation. Flyers were mailed to all registry and non-registry providers.

Eldon announced that the union contract expires 12-31-06. County staff is beginning discussions, regarding negotiations, this afternoon.

Public Comment: None.

Approve 3/16/06 Meeting Summary: Michael Fletcher noted that the March minutes incorrectly referenced him as Michael Alward. Additionally, there were several typographical errors identified.

Action: A ***Motion*** was made by Michael Fletcher and seconded by Karen Boal to approve the 3/16/06 meeting summary as corrected. The ***Motion*** carried.

PA/Advisory Committee Newsletter: The Spring 2006 newsletter was mailed to all IHSS providers and consumers during the first week of April 2006. The Summer 2006 edition is scheduled for delivery by the end of June 2006. Members offered the following article suggestions for the upcoming newsletter:

- ◆ ID Theft Warning/Prevention
- ◆ Seniors and the heat
- ◆ Allergies
- ◆ Fire Prevention
- ◆ Upcoming Provider Training

Report: California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA) Spring Conference:

Eldon reminded members of AB 1234 that requires elected/appointed officials/members who attend county funded events to report back to the appropriate group. The purpose of this bill is to provide a process for claiming reimbursement and ensure ethics training every two years. Members will receive their first ethics training before 1-1-07. More to come.

Michael Fletcher reported that the CICA conference was held at the Sacramento Convention Center this year. Michael, Katie and Eldon all attended from Placer County. Overall attendance was not as good as hoped. CICA lost money this year. CICA is now trying to reach Advisory Committees in other counties who may not be aware of CICA and its annual spring conference.

Michael reported that the conference opened with several guest speakers including a presentation about the history of IHSS and Advisory Committees given by Eldon Luce. There were several workshops following and Michael attended “Urgent Care Services for IHSS Recipients”, “What Can Be Done About Education and Effective Advocacy”, “Building Working Partnerships” and “Consumers at the Bargaining Table”.

The second day of the conference introduced pending legislation pertinent to IHSS. There is significant lobbying to stop the clock on Time for Task implementation.

Michael hopes more Placer County members can attend next year’s conference. Eldon concurred and added that the conference is also a great learning opportunity.

CICA Conference Call: Michael reported that the last CICA conference call included much discussion about the Olmstead Act and a three-county (Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Joaquin) pilot project, which will allow seniors/disabled to live in an assisted living facility and will be funded by Medi-Cal.

There was also much discussion about AB 1682 funds and how they can be spent. CICA is working on getting more specific guidelines. This committee might want to consider how it may want to spend the annual allotment. Eldon added that the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) and the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) are also meeting to discuss this problem. The current guidelines are vague at best. CICA is working on a process to establish very clear spending guidelines. Michael asked for input from committee members and CICA is asking for input at their next meeting.

The following legislation was also discussed during the conference call. CICA supports the following:

AB 1835-Minimum wage

AB 2469-In-home supportive services and personal care services funding

AB 2536-Employment: minimum wage and overtime compensation (CICA supports this assembly bill if it is amended to exclude IHSS)

AB 2486-In-home supportive services criminal background checks

AB 2697-In-home supportive services, direct deposit program

AB 3048-Public social services assistance during health-related and alternative site appointments

SB 1660-In-Home Supportive Services provider wage and benefit increases

SB 1435-IHSS pilot project, eligibility, purchase of service

IHSS Advisory Committee Web Site: The web site has been expanded and is up and running at www.placer.ca.gov. Select "Committees and Commissions" from the drop down box and select "IHSS".

PA Manager Report

a. Quality Assurance/Program Integrity Initiative: Judy Griffin has been with the County Quality Assurance department for approximately one year. Judy provided a brief history of IHSS...Quality Assurance was implemented to ensure consistency throughout the State.

QA is required to perform two case reviews per social worker per month. Social workers have 30 days to complete any corrections. Another requirement is to perform targeted reviews. QA is also responsible for identifying trends for the purpose of improving services, finding fraud and writing QA policies and procedures for Placer County. An annual QA work plan is due to the State on June 1, 2006 and QA submits quarterly reports on all of the above to the State.

Judy distributed handouts:

- ◆ All County Welfare Directors Letter 05-21
- ◆ Quality Assurance Desk Review
- ◆ QA/QI Contract Letter
- ◆ Targeted Reviews
- ◆ Sample Letter – Over 300 Hours
- ◆ Monitor the Deliver of Supportive Services to Detect and Prevent Potential Fraud
- ◆ All County Information Notice No. 1-64-05
- ◆ Identify Potential Sources of Third-Party Liability
- ◆ All County Information Notice No. 1-04-06

Judy advised members to contact her with any questions they have about QA. She can be reached at 530-886-5405.

b. Provider Benefits: There are currently 46 providers on the waiting list for provider health benefits. The average wait time is approximately two months. Each month 7-25 slots become available, the number one reason a provider is disenrolled from the health plan is failure to turn in their time sheets on time.

c. Provider Recruitment: Public Authority staff is preparing to run newspaper advertisements for IHSS providers.

d. AC Member Recruitment: There are currently two vacancies for IHSS Recipients (current or former; public or private).

e. Registry Report: Members reviewed the March registry report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date:	May 18, 2006 (Thursday)
Time:	1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location:	The Domes, 175 Fulweiler, Auburn (Conference Room A)